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## QUESTION COLUMN.

## QUESTION NO. 7.

Please tell us why the Church today has not the seven men spoken of in Acts 6-3 to administer on the same purpose—if he is Apostolic?

## QUESTION NO. 8.

What is the Abomination of Desolation spoken of by Daniel the Prophet Spoken of in the gospels standing in the Holy place?

## QUESTION NO. 16

## WICKED ONES.

## TEXT.

"The wicked are a strange seed from the womb they go astray as soon as they are born speaking lies.

Their poison is like the poison of a serpent they are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear." (Psalms 58-3-4)

Dear reader please ask your preacher who God had reference to? is it the little child? are who can it have reference to? Preachers please answer thru the CRESSET or say by your silence you do not know. Ed

## QUESTION. NO 21

Editor of The WORLD'S CRESSET Please let me ask Preachers how they will harmonize those two scriptures.

"But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also." (Matt 6-39.)

"Abstain from all appearance of evil." (The 15-22)

Matthew says you must not resist evil, Paul says resist the very appearance of evil if preachers do not answer Ed you displease.

Mrs. Bell Moore.

## QUESTION NO. 41.

Editor of the CRESSET.

If God is not a changeable God why did Cain not die for being to him. (Gen. 49) As did Ananias when he lied to God. (Acts 5 4)

C. A. Simons.

## QUESTION NO. 42.

Editor CRESSET, Why did God allow Jacob three wives and also raise children by his wives hand maids and then blessed him.

And now a man must not have but one wife if more its a crime punishable by the law of God and man. C. A. Simons.

## The Church Then And Now

Continued from CRESSET No. 11.

As we did not get to finish this Subject in last week's Issue on account of space, we will now continue on this Subject. In our last Article it brought us up to the fourth change in the Fall of the Church, which reads.

"And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;

I know Thy works, charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.

Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee because thou sufferest that woman Jezabel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

And I give her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts; and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak I will put upon you none other burden.

But that which ye have already hold fast till I come. Rev" 2-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25]

The Son of man here speaks to the churches thru the Spirit, and says, I know thy works, charity, service, faith and patience. But he says their works are more than all the rest. So they did not have much charity, patience or faith. And especially he says you allow that woman Jezabel (Babylon a Church) to teach and seduce my people, she calls herself a prophet, who we say is the man of sin.

Here is where the second beast makes his appearance as a great reformer and he becomes the head of the fourth stage of the church after its fall. In this stage of the Church is when fornication takes place in the mixing up of doctrines, in setting up the greatest image spoken of in the Blessed Word of God. And for this reason death and famine is to be placed upon them as it is in this our day—And right at, the end of this terrible condition spoken of above comes the following declaration from our Lord and Master thru the Spirit. Please read.

"And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations.

And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

And I will give him the morning star.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." (Rev. 2 26-29)

At the end of the fourth epoch or the fall of the church—Christ says that he gave her space to

repent and she repented not—Therefore, he wants them to know the man that overcomes, and brings about a restitution of the Apostolic Church, shall rule all nations with a rod of iron—the Word.) For Christ says "I will give him the morning star."

Leaving the fourth great change of the church's fall, we pass to the fifth change, and see the contrast as time passes by, please read.

"And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

Remember therefore how thou has received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments and they shall walk with me in white; for they are worthy." (Rev 3-1-4)

We have before us the condition of the church from the advent of Martin Luther on up until the liberty of the American people was established at Philadelphia in 1776. This day is next to the greatest in the history of the fall of the church as we shall see a little later on. For the present we must look a little more at the language used to the Angel of the Church of Sardis or the fifth Stage of the Church, as they were no longer of the Church. The Seven Spirits of God are no longer with the church, as they were in the days of the Apostles, when Peter and the rest of the Apostles selected seven men to show forth this fact, as you can read.

"And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations.

Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

Wherefore brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. (Acts" 6-1-2-3-4)

In this question you will find that in the days of the Apostles that they selected seven men who was full of the spirit of God—But where are they today? They are not to be found in the church or any where else. They were selected to administer, the daily bread to the widows who were neglected. They are neglected today and thousands of them starving to death. You may ask why is this? And the answer is found in (Rev. 3-1) those are not in men who are in the church today they are in the hand of Christ, waiting for the reestablishing of the church to its former love. Then you will see the plummet in the hands of Zerubbabel with those seven. During this period of the fall of the church it is presented as living

and yet dead. And it can only be kept alive and strengthened by a sincere repentance. For during this period of the church, we learn that there was just a few names, in Sardis. These only are the good seed, that remaineth. Those few we point to, as the colonies of America in 1776 who did contend for the rights of just men made perfect. Hence the time came, when God acknowledged their rights and set before them an open door. Please read.

"He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

And to the angel of church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true' he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

I know thy works: behold I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

Behold I will make them of the synagogue of satan, which say they are Jews, and are not but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Behold I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast that no man take thy crown. (Rev 3-5-6-7-8-9-10-11)

We have before us, in this language an open door that no man can shut. This we see reopened at Philadelphia) And we believe this was done at Philadelphia Penna. in 1776 when the declaration of Independence was made by the American people at that time; In our talk of this our answer we have been looking for ward but now for a little while we shall look back to one of the great days of the Lord. When Liberty was proclaimed to all the people of the U. S. A. a representative of the Liberty spoken of in this manner.

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. (Gal. 5-1)

Looking back to the age when this liberty was given, and then coming on up to where the Colonies got this liberty. And then following on up to this present time. We find that there shall be a time on the whole world, a time of a great temptation for a trial, we believe that this time is here now.

And not only temptations but distress, in order to deal with them that say they are Jews and are not, but they are found to be liars and are of the synagogue of Satan.

And who is to come before the one that over comes, and fall down at his feet and worship.

For we repeat that the church has left its first love and it must return to its first love and do the

first works over. It is true there is so called churches in our land that claim that they are Apostolic. But we say they can not be until they do the first works, and some of the first works is recorded in this manner.

"And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul; neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus; and great grace was upon them all.

Neither was there any among them that lacked; for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

And laid them down at the apostles' feet; and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need." (Acts 4-32 to 35)

Also. "But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want, that there may be equality." (2 Cor. 8-14).

In this condition of the church they had seven men to see that the widows and orphans got their portion of their daily bread, And that was what Christ told his apostles to pray for.

But the churches of today has no such practice as mentioned in the question above. So we must still look forward to the time to come when the church will do its first work over. But before the fulfillment of the church coming back to her first love we must see the seventh period of the churches history which is set forth in this manner.

"Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name,

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write. These things saith the Amen the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God,

I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot,

So then because thou art lukewarm and neither cold or hot I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Because thou sayest I am rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor and blind, and naked.

I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire that thou mayest be rich, and white raiment that thou mayest be clothed and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve that thou mayest see.

As many as I love I rebuke and chasten, be zealous therefore, and repent.

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock if any man hear my voice, and open the door,

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